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Draft decision**

Draft provisional organization of work for the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The open-ended preparatory meeting, convened during the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development:

(a) Recommends that the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, to be held in Port Louis, Mauritius, from 30 August to 3 September 2004, consider the following provisional organization of work (see annex for timetable):

Plenary

The plenary will start with the opening of the International Meeting. It will proceed to the consideration of organizational matters, as required, including the election of the President and other officers, the adoption of the agenda and organization of work, and the report of the Credentials Committee.

Main Committee

The Main Committee will meet in parallel with the plenary to consider all outstanding matters relating to the draft outcome documents of the International Meeting.

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** Submitted by the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development on the basis of informal consultations.

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General debate and special events

The general debate will be held during the plenary, and will focus on a comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action.

Three special events, in the form of panel discussions, will be organized in the plenary, focusing on the environmental, social and economic vulnerabilities of small island developing States.

High-level segment

The high-level segment will be convened on 2 and 3 September 2004. Representatives of non-State entities, including intergovernmental organizations, United Nations bodies, funds and programmes and specialized agencies, and major groups at the appropriate level will be invited to speak during the general debate.

(b) Recognizing the need for further work on the draft outcome documents, decides, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 58/213, that informal consultations should be organized on 28 and 29 August 2004 to facilitate continuing negotiations;

(c) Notes that, in conjunction with the International Meeting, the host Government will make arrangements for ceremonies preceding the official opening and following the official closing of the International Meeting.

Annex

Provisional organization of work

	Saturday, 28 August	*Sunday, 29 August*	*Monday, 30 August*	*Tuesday, 31 August*	*Wednesday, 1 September*	*Thursday, 2 September*	*Friday, 3 September*
8-10 a.m.	**Regional groups**					**Alliance of Small Island States summit**	
10 a.m.-1 p. m.	Informal consultations	Informal consultations	Opening of the International Meeting	Main Committee and plenary discussions	Main Committee and plenary discussions	Opening of the high-level segment	High-level segment and closing of the International Meeting
1.15-2.45 p.m.	**Side events**						
3-6 p.m.	Informal consultations	Informal consultations	Main Committee and plenary discussions	Main Committee	Main Committee	High-level segment and Main Committee	
6.30-7.45 p.m.	**Side events**						

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Draft report of the open-ended preparatory meeting for the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Vice-Chair-cum Rapporteur: Mr. Bolus Paul Zom Lolo (Nigeria)

Chapter ___
Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. In its resolution 58/213, the General Assembly endorsed the decision of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2003/55, on the recommendation of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session, to convene during the twelfth session of the Commission a three-day preparatory meeting for the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, from 14 to 16 April 2004, for an in-depth assessment and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action and to finalize the preparations for the International Meeting, including its agenda.

2. The Commission, working as a three-day open-ended preparatory meeting, held two meetings (2nd and 3rd meetings), as well as a number of informal meetings.

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 14 April, the Chairman opened the session and made an opening statement.

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4. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made an introductory statement.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Secretary-General of the International Meeting addressed the Commission.

6. At the same meeting, the Permanent Representative of the Bahamas made a statement.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Chairman (Mauritius) of the Alliance of Small Island States introduced the draft strategy for the further implementation of the Programme of Action, submitted by the Group of 77 and China.

8. At the same meeting, the Commission also heard statements from the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the Acceding Countries, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia; the Candidate Countries, Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Serbia and Montenegro), the United States of America, Tuvalu and the Russian Federation.

9. Also at the same meeting, the representative of New Zealand made a statement.

B. Election of officers

10. At its 1st meeting, on 9 May 2003, the Commission had elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chair:
Børge Brende (Norway)

Vice-Chair:
Bruno Stagno Ugarte (Costa Rica)

11. At its 2nd meeting, on 14 April 2004, the Commission elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Vice-Chairs:
Toru Shimizu (Japan)
Bolus Paul Zom Lolo (Nigeria)
Eva Tomic (Slovenia)

Rapporteur:
Bolus Paul Zom Lolo (Nigeria)

C. Agenda and organization of work

12. At its 2nd meeting, on 14 April, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.17/2004/1, and approved its organization of work (for the provisional agenda, see report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its twelfth session).

13. At the 2nd meeting, on 14 April 2004, the Commission agreed to conduct further consultations under agenda item 4 to be facilitated by Don Mackay (New Zealand).

D. Attendance

14. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and secretariats of treaty bodies, as well as observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document E/CN.17/2004/INF/___.

[To be completed]

E. Documentation

15. The documents before the Commission at its twelfth session under agenda item 4 were as follows:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (E/CN.17/2004/8);

(b) Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and its preparatory meeting (E/CN.17/2004/9);

(c) Letter dated 26 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2004/12).